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SUBJ: EXPERTS WORKING GROUP ON SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE

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1. AT OCTOBER 22 POLADS, U.S. REP (LEDOGAR) AGAIN ASKED ALLIED VIEWS ON POSSIBILITY OF RETURNING TO NORMAL FIVE-DAY PROGRAM BEGINNING ON A MONDAY EXPERTS WORKING GROUP ON SOVIET UNION AND EASTERN EUROPE, I.E. STARTING FORTHCOMING MEETING ON NOVEMBER 4 IN LIEU OF NOVEMBER 5. CANADIAN AND TURKISH REPS SAID THEIR GOVERNMENTS AGREED WITH U.S. SUGGESTION, BUT THE UK AND ITALIAN REPS SAID THEIR AUTHORITIES THOUGHT FOUR DAYS SUFFICIENT TO COVER GROUND. CHAIRMAN (KILLHAM) THOUGHT IT BEST TO MAINTAIN STARTING DATE OF NOVEMBER 5 BECAUSE ARRANGEMENTS FOR MEETING ALREADY WELL ADVANCED.

2. U.S. REP THEREFORE REQUESTED SUPPORT OF OTHER DELEGATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL STAFF FOR MAKING AVAILABLE EARLY NOVEMBER 4 ALL NATIONAL PAPERS SCHEDULED FOR PRESENTATION SO THAT EXPERTS WHO ARE IN BRUSSELS ON THAT DAY MAY FULLY FAMILARIZE THEMSELVES PRIOR TO OFFICIAL OPENING OF DISCUSSIONS. THIS SUGGESTION EVOKED FAVORABLE RESPONSE.

3. COMMITTEE ALSO HAD INCONCLUSIVE DISCUSSION ON NEED FOR POLADS TO TAKE FRESH LOOK AT YUGOSLAVIA (REF C) IN LIGHT
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OF RECENT EVENTS THERE. REPS POSTPONED DECISION PENDING CONCLUSION OF SOVIET/EE EXPERTS MEETING.MCAULIFFE

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